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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of Congress that Americans should take time during Native American Heritage Month to recognize the many accomplishments and contributions made by native peoples.

Whereas Native Americans were the original inhabitants of the lands that now constitute the United States of America;

Whereas Native American governments developed the fundamental principles of freedom of speech and separation of powers in government, and these principles form the foundation of the United States Government today;

Whereas Native American societies exhibited a deep respect for the Earth and its resources, and such values are widely held today;

Whereas Native Americans have served with valor in every American conflict, from the Revolutionary War to the war against terrorism, often serving in greater numbers, proportionately, than the population of the Nation as a whole;

Whereas Native Americans have made distinct and important contributions to the United States and the rest of the world in many fields, including agriculture, medicine, music, language, and art;

Whereas Native Americans deserve to be recognized for their individual contributions to American society as artists, sculptors, musicians, authors, poets, artisans, scientists, and scholars;

Whereas November has been declared Native American Heritage Month because it is traditionally the month when Native Americans harvested their crops and is generally a time of celebratory feasting and giving thanks; and

Whereas, now, more than ever, Americans of all origins, faiths, and beliefs need to come together as a Nation in support of our people, our common values, and our republican principles: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That the Congress—

3 (1) supports the goals and ideals of Native
4 American Heritage Month; and

5 (2) encourages Federal, State, local, and tribal
6 governments; interested groups and organizations;

1 and the American people to honor and recognize the
2 accomplishments, contributions, and heritage of Na-
3 tive Americans with appropriate programs, cere-
4 monies, and activities.

Passed the House of Representatives November 27,
2001.

Attest:

JEFF TRANDAHL,
Clerk.